



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

July 2024

WHAT MATTERS – REALLY

Pastor Pam chose 1 Corinthians 13:13 as her closing words in the June edition of the Messenger. The very next verse in chapter 14 says, "Follow the way of love... eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy." What's prophecy? To speak God's Word not ours for the building up of Christ's body.

Greetings Mogadore UMC,

Here comes another Pastor.

You know the saying, the only thing that never changes is the fact that everything changes. So with all the changes let it remind us that Jesus never changes.

In the years to come we should be looking to our Savior and loving one another. It's really that simple. Look to our Savior... love one another.

FYI: You will notice that my monthly messages will be very short. That's because I stop writing at 54 words. Sometimes it takes me 54 minutes to write 54 words and other times it takes me 54 seconds to write 54 words. However, the objective is to bless, encourage and edify my brothers and sisters in Christ.

My first paragraph has only 54 words. I do not include the title of the story in the word count.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all. Pray for us.

Sincerely,
Pastor Dave

Thank You From Pastor Pam

Dear Mogadore Church Family,

Although we will joyfully embrace new pastors and congregations, I do believe we will always be family united in Christ. We have laughed, cried, studied, prayed and gathered at many tables as family.

I cannot thank you enough for the amazing day on Sunday. I felt God's spirit in a special way in our worship, and I saw his grace in all of your dear and beautiful faces as we shared The Lord's Supper and as we enjoyed a lovely time of fellowship. I have so many memories from this day and this season of ministry that will bless my heart always. I had to leave Fellowship Hall very quickly because I feared I could not leave at all.

Your hugs, prayers, cards, boxes and most generous Love Offering are greatly appreciated.

Blest Be the Ties that bind Our Hearts In Christian Love

Love Always!!! Rev. Pam

Attention Sports Fans!

Ever wonder about the role of sports? We have a fantastic opportunity to hear first-hand about the challenges and rewards of Christian witness among professional athletes. Robert Brooks, Cleveland Browns Chaplain for a number of years, will be speaking at the Mogadore United Methodist Church on July 27th at 9 A.M

This event has been organized by Toolbox Ministries, a non-denominational men's organization seeking to provide spiritual support to men of all backgrounds

Robert is a member of *Athletes in Action*, an international Christian Ministry serving in over 60 countries, as well as 200 colleges and 50 professional sports teams in the USA. Though he no longer serves in the capacity of Chaplain of the Cleveland Browns, he is still affiliated with the organization as a Senior Staff Member and advisor for the Pro Ministry.

There is no charge for admission to this event, which should be about an hour long, leaving plenty of time for Saturday chores and family time. Why not plan to attend and invite a friend?



Treasurer's Report

Balance in General Fund as of January 1, 2024		\$ 7,520.69
Edward Jones Appreciation (Depreciation)		14,200.10
January Offerings	13,732.43	
January Disbursements	15,754.17	(-2,021.74)
February Offerings	7,232.43	
February Disbursements	11,598.09	(-4,365.66)
March Offerings	11,422.87	
March Disbursements	11,423.22	(-.35)
April Offerings	8,654.05	
April Disbursements	11,524.81	(12,870.76)
May Offerings	7,083.40	
May Disbursements	13,119.01	(-6,035.61)
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2024		7,321.12

Our May offerings of \$7,083.40 were low, and our May disbursements of \$13,119.01 were normal due to the quarterly payment of our church insurance. Hopefully our finance situation will improve in the second half of the year with the church going to a share minister. If you are interested in on-line giving, please contact Kathy Lang and she can get you set up. If you are unable to attend our Sunday morning service, offerings can be mailed to the church or to my home address of 13523 Iris Ave., NW, Mogadore, OH 44260. Barry Rudy, Treasurer

July Birthdays

July 1st	Addison Peak
July 2nd	Vera Barnhart
July 5th	Keane Crockett
July 8th	Betty Gallo
July 11th	Benjamin Lansinger
July 19th	Samantha Hambright
July 20th	Pamela Buzalka
July 20th	Keith Hunsucker
July 24th	Kristina Shultz
July 25th	Dale McInturff



July Anniversaries

July 10th	Dan & Vicki Crawford
July 10th	Barry & Cheryl Rudy
July 11th	Susan & Russ Riffin
July 16th	Dale and Cheryl McInturff



55th Annual East Ohio Conference

June 2024

Three days started in prayer and a different pastor's sermon. At 10:30 am each day, we started the business sessions. The first report was from the Bishop.

·Episcopacy Report- excited that Bishop Malone will assume the role of the President of the Council of Bishops at General Conference. East Ohio and West Ohio will continue to each have conferences but share one Bishop.

·We had a short review about our redistributing that happened last year.

Reports

Finance spoke about clergy compensation package:

·5% salary increase for 2025

·Spoke about pensions and increased years of service before you can get maximum amount of retirement by 2028. Have to serve 30 years.

·Appointment adjustment down 10% (90% considered full 100%)

·Healthcare will increase 1%

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Reports (cont'd)

- We lost 1/3 of total churches through disaffiliation last year; which affected budget 23%. All committees asked to reduce line items which amounted to 20% budget reduction.
- Disaffiliation funds amounted to 7 million dollars (will be used to transition shortfalls as needed.) Each disaffiliated church had to pay 2 years of apportionments to disaffiliate.
- Reviewed language changes to Book of Disciplines
- Voted on five resolutions

The overall feeling I came away with is that we may not be prepared for changes, but in His wisdom, He is giving us a Pentecostal moment. He is telling the church (us) there is hope. We are united in and by Christ.

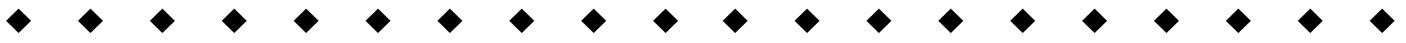
I heard many times over the last three days from old and new friends, the uncertain news about what is going to happen to us... change is coming. Many churches are now two point charges! People of God... have we lost faith...can't we see that God is always in charge! God uses change to transform us and make us better disciples. Now God is equipping us to serve as a co-operative not competitive ministry... to be true partners. God is at work here... putting us together for resurrection work!

Over and over the sermons said have faith... be hopeful and be in a love covenant with God!

Overall, I am a renewed person from this three day journey!

Respectfully submitted

Michele Accord



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH & CIRCLES

All women are invited into the fellowship of the United Women in Faith. Our focus has always been mission driven with particular emphasis on women and children. The Mogadore unit of UWF meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM unless otherwise specified. All women in the Mogadore unit by long tradition are invited to attend a monthly circle meeting. We have two circles: Naomi, which meets the third Monday at 6:00 PM in members homes and/or Fellowship Hall. Rebecca Circle meets the second Wednesday at 6:30 PM in members homes.

July 10th Rebecca Circle will meet at Wingfoot Park at 5:30 pm for a picnic

July 18th-20th Women of Faith– Mission U at Mount Union

July 24th Naomi Circle will meet at Sarah's Vineyard for dinner followed by Porthouse Theater for their showing of Annie.

Introducing Susan Riggin

We welcomed Susan as our accompanist beginning Jun 16th. She grew up in the Portage Lakes area and graduated from Coventry High School. Susan met her husband Russ Riggin, at Park United Methodist Church where they were married, still attend and are involved in their music ministry. They have been married for 37 years and have a 27-year-old son, Shawn, who lives in Murfreesboro, TN. Susan and Russ currently reside in Munroe Falls.



Susan is a former music teacher, piano teacher, and elementary school teacher. She works for Joann Fabrics in Hudson and loves to craft, knitting, sewing, etc. Russ, who is from Willoughby Hills, works for Walgreens in Stow. He grew up on a farm and is an avid gardener.

Join us in person or on Facebook at 11:00 AM to enjoy Susan's musical talent.

Introducing Samantha Hambright

Samantha became our Secretary as of June 11th but most of you may know her as one of the persons behind the scenes who make our screens and Facebook lives run seamlessly. Samantha and partner, Joshua Soles, became MUMC members last September.

Samantha grew up here in Mogadore and graduated from Mogadore High School in 2017. She and her family currently live in Ravenna.



Samantha & Joshua's family include Michael (age 7), Lucas (age 5.5), Oakley (age 2) and Baby Amaretta, arriving this December. Samantha is a talented singer and has blessed us with special music and singing in the choir. She also works part time as a pharmacy technician at CVS. Josh is a police officer at Summa Hospital.

Please be sure to welcome Samantha in her new role.

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 Pastor Dave first worship 11:00 AM Welcome Reception following	8	9	10 5:30 PM Rebecca Circle—Picnic at Wingfoot 6 PM Girl Scouts	11	12	13
14 11:00 AM Worship Holy Communion	15	16	17 10 AM Quilt Guild	18	19 7:30 AM Open M Meet at church to carpool	20
21 11:00 AM Worship	22 Deadline for August Newsletter	23	24 Naomi Circle meets at Sarah's & Porthouse Theater 6 PM Girl Scouts	25	26	27 Guest Speaker Robert Brooks 9 AM
28 11:00 AM Worship	29	30	31			



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Custodian: David Smith

The mission of the Mogadore United Methodist Church is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, demonstrating Christ's love and service to others through worship, outreach, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

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